

Dallas, Texas
September 5, 1975

I, Joseph J. Hanley, being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Deputy Assistant Director J. Allison Conley and SAC Philip A. McNiff, who identified themselves to me as being with the FBI.

I am aware that there is an internal inquiry being conducted in the FBI concerning the incident relating to Lee Harvey Oswald visiting the Dallas FBI Office prior to the assassination of President Kennedy and then leaving a threatening note for SA Hosty.

I have been assigned to the Dallas Office since October 1, 1947, and have worked in headquarters continuously since 11/22/63. I primarily handle criminal-type investigations.

On 11/22/63, the day of the assassination, I was covering criminal leads in the Dallas area. Upon learning of the assassination, I was furnished instructions by the office to handle a certain phase of the assassination investigation.

I worked almost continuously on various phases of the assassination case from November until shortly after the new year. My principal duties were conducting interviews and covering leads, and I had no involvement in coordinating or preparing reports on the assassination.

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On Sunday afternoon, 8/31/75, my son, asked me if I had seen the splash on Oswald in the Times Herald, which paper I do not normally get. I subsequently went out and purchased a Dallas Times Herald and then read the front-page story. Upon reading this article about Oswald and the alleged note, I was astounded at the revelations, and I found it hard to believe that the Dallas Office could have been sitting on any set of circumstances like this. In reading the Director's statement that inquiries were continuing to determine the full facts, I have been searching my mind for any incident or information that would be pertinent to the Oswald visit and note. On either Monday or Tuesday, 9/1 or 9/2/75, I recalled being present with a group of Agents wherein I heard two Agents conversing and one of the Agents made a comment that Oswald threatened Hosty to stay away from his wife. On recalling this, I thought it might have occurred five or six years ago and the conversation I overheard could have occurred in a hotel room in connection with grand jury proceedings or possibly at an office firearms session. At the time I overheard this conversation, I never realized the significance of the overheard remark and it had no significance for me until I saw the Dallas Times Herald article 8/31/75. Now realizing the importance of this overheard conversation

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and being fully aware that I would undoubtedly be interviewed in the course of the internal ^{investigation, SA} ~~interview~~ since I was assigned to the office in 1963, I have tried to recall the identity of the agents who were discussing Oswald and I truthfully cannot recall.

Due to the intervening years from the time I heard this remark, I cannot currently state what went through my mind when I heard it, though I do know I never discussed this overheard remark with anyone, either in the Bureau or outside the Bureau. I have been informed by Inspector Conley that records maintained by the U.S. Attorney's Office at Fort Worth, Texas, reveal that I, along with 15 other Special Agents of the Dallas Office, was scheduled for appearance before the Federal Grand Jury sitting at Wichita Falls, Texas, on October 7, 8 and 9, 1964. I cannot recall attending this specific Federal Grand Jury but do know that I did present cases to Federal Grand Juries sitting at Wichita Falls on at least three or four different occasions and possibly more times since being assigned to the Dallas Office.

I categorically deny that prior to the newspaper article 8/31/75, ^{2/74} hearing of, knowing the contents of, or seeing the note left by Oswald for SA Hosty. I did not hear what happened to the note, and in fact I did not even know that Oswald had visited the Dallas Office.

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I have read the above statement consisting of this
and three other pages, and sign it because it is a true
statement.

Joseph J. Hancock

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 5th day of September,
1975.

Witnesses:

J. Alessio Conley
Philip L. McHugh